

LIMA IS HARD HIT BY THE WORST FLOOD OF YEARS

Ottawa River Is Out of Her Banks and Is a Raging Torrent—Several Bridges Have Gone Down and Others Are in Danger.

Hundreds of Houses Are Partly Submerged and Occupants Forced to Move—Natural Gas Line Broken and Fuel Supply Is Shut Off—Water Covers the Boilers in the Gas Plant Extinguishing the Fire and Stopping the Manufacture of Illuminating Gas.

any Manufacturing Plants Are Crippled by the Flood and Forced to Shut Down—Telegraph Wires Down All Over the Country and Many Towns Are Isolated. The Town of Ottawa Almost Entirely Under Water and Much Suffering Is Feared.

Worst Flood Lima Has Ever Experienced

Hundreds of families have been rendered homeless and property loss to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars entailed in the most disastrous flood that has ever been known in the history of Lima.

The Ottawa River, which yesterday noon had reached the flood stage, early this morning became a raging, violent torrent of water, scattering devastation and destruction in its path.

From McCullough's Lake in the northeast to Faurot Park in the southwest, a mad avalanche of water is sweeping with unrelenting fury for a width of three to four blocks, flooding houses, inundating streets and bridges, carrying away property, leaving thousands of men, women, and children homeless, and in many instances, substitute.

All business in Lima is practically suspended today, and will continue so until the mad flood has run its course and the waters of Hog Creek recede into their banks. Communication has been cut off from the south side, and the mammoth industrial institutions in that part of the city are practically idle, only those employees living south in the flooded district being able to get back and forth from work.

Manufacturing institutions in the path of the flood have suffered heavy losses, and it will be several days before the damage can be repaired.

Houses for blocks on each side of the banks of the river are inundated, and the occupants either compelled to flee to a point of safety or take refuge upstairs.

Service on interurban and steam lines is suspended, with few exceptions, and the city is almost as completely cut off from the outside world today as it is possible to be.

The plant of the Hiner Stone Quarry in the northeastern part of the city was most entirely dismantled early this morning by the raging waters, and the damage here alone will total \$35,000, which is a total loss. The quarry itself and the rock crushing plant is completely inundated, and there is danger that the office building and barns will be swept away by the torrent of water.

The east North street bridge, just south of the Hiner plant, built a few years ago by the city at a cost of \$14,000, was unable to withstand the force of the current, and buckled in the face of the pressure as if it were so much tissue paper.

Only the bridge over the river at Pierce street is above water, all other bridges in the city being from two feet to six feet under water. Fear is entertained that several of the bridges will be swept away, as the current is terrific.

Other large plants, either surrounded by water or else flooded include the Banta Candy Factory, the Watson Coal and Cement Company, the Builders' Lumber and Supply Company, Massman's Dry Cleaning Company, Smith and Sherrick Lumber Company, The Bell Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, the Golley and Finley Iron Works, The Sinclair and Morrison Iron Works, and others. The loss at these plants will run into thousands of dollars to say nothing of the loss sustained by delay and inconvenience.

Faurot Park is entirely inundated, and twelve feet of water covers the children's grounds, where the greater part of the equipment will be entirely destroyed.

The lowlands in the northeastern part of the city are covered with water for a distance of two miles wide, and there is danger that the D. T. & I. crossings will give way to the force of the current.

The Pennsylvania tracks east of the city are under water, and if the water continues to rise, there is a probability that a portion of the track will be washed away.

ENTIRE CITY DEVOID OF GAS SUPPLY

Fires Extinguished So That Artificial Cannot be Made.

NATURAL GAS MAIN BROKEN BY WATER.

All Machinery Out of Commission. Plant Lies in Idleness.

Lima is held tight in the throes of a gas famine. There is not a foot of natural gas to be had, and but very little artificial gas, all as a result of the extremely high water which is flooding the lower part of the town. The large plant of the Lima Gas company on south Jackson street is put completely out of commission by the high water, and neither can more artificial gas be manufactured nor can pressure be had to force what little natural gas is stored here into the pipes of the town. No more natural gas is to be had than this, as two washouts have been reported in the neighborhood of Mansfield, and the supply is completely cut off.

The high water completely filled the lower floors of the gas works so that the fires both in the boilers and in the furnaces were extinguished. The boilers furnish power for the pumps for forcing the gas, and the furnaces are essential in the manufacture of the artificial gas. When the water rose over the grate bars the fires were immediately put out. A continued rise put all the machinery out of commission, and during the day all the gas to be had was what artificial was on hand. At noon today this did not exceed forty thousand feet, and could not supply the city long.

There is no immediate relief in sight. All depends on the fall in the flood to enable the manufacture of more gas. Then the prob-

The Waters in the River Are Still Rising

The heavy downpour of rain, which had continued almost uninterruptedly for two days and nights, started afresh and with increasing intensity early last evening, and the river, which had been slowly rising during the day, began to rise more rapidly, causing families living near the banks of the stream to make preparation to move to points of safety. Waters from the small tributaries of the stream to the north had poured into the river, and soon after midnight, the entire central district of the city was threatened with a flood.

A crew of fire fighters, under command of Fire Chief Mack, assisted by a squad of police officers under Captains Grant and McCoy, worked all night in the flooded districts, assisting in the rescue of families, while volunteer rescuers by the score aided them.

Whitley's ambulance was on the scene, and as fast as the people were rescued, they were removed to the city hospital or to the homes of relatives and friends.

Moving vans worked all night removing the personal belongings of the flood sufferers out of the danger districts. Several families moved their furniture to the second floor, where they also took refuge until the flood should recede.

The extreme cold weather added to the discomforts of the suffering, and many of them suffered intensely from the cold and exposure.

NO RELIEF TODAY.

Morning brought no relief to those in the flood district, which was enlarged as the mad river increased in width and velocity. From 2 o'clock this morning until 8 o'clock, the rise of the river was phenomenally rapid, and scores of families who retired last night in absolute safety, found themselves in grave danger.

So rapid was the rise of the stream that several houses were flooded where the inmates had no chance to remove their belongings, and had to be rescued from their perilous position by firemen and volunteer workmen in boats.

Throughout the entire morning the river continued to rise, and at 11 o'clock was rising at a rate of about 5 inches an hour. At that hour the Main street bridge was barely above water, and policemen had to be stationed there to keep the sightseers from crossing the bridge.

CITY IN FLOOD GRASP.

From the extreme northeastern part of the city to the Faurot Park, the district within three and four blocks from each side of the river is at the mercy of the flood.

At east North street the water has penetrated west to Tingle avenue, and for two solid blocks east beyond its banks. Scores of houses are under water in this locality, while the plant of the Hiner Stone company is practically demolished.

The plant stands on a bank 60 feet above the river bed, which collapsed under the weight and force of the current, carrying with it an immense steam shovel, which is buried somewhere in the debris, and a large locomotive engine, which crashed into the east North street bridge.

Yards of trackage in the plant was torn up and carried away, while cars and other equipment were strewn along the path of the surging waters. The quarry and rock crushing plant are entirely inundated, while the office building and barns are flooded and in danger of being carried away.

Ed Hiner this morning estimated the company's loss at \$25,000, and stated that it would be weeks before the plant would be in readiness to operate. The plant has been closed down during the winter months, and arrangements were under way when the flood came to resume operations within the next few days.

The east North street bridge was swept away, and debris is piled against the part of the structure that is left standing. Scores of volunteer workmen assisted families in this locality to remove furniture and get to places of safety.

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We Were Hit Also

The calamity that overtook the gas company today did its share toward embarrassing the newspapers in Lima, in that it crippled the mechanical equipment.

The Times-Democrat uses gas in heating the metal in its battery of linotypes; also in melting metal in its stereotyping room and under its steam table.

When the gas supply suddenly went down this morning it was impossible to melt metal for several hours. Until an emergency fire was provided and even then conditions were all against efficient work. This explains why today's paper is not up to its usual standard of excellence.

To add to our discomfiture the telegraph lines all over the country were so badly crippled that it has been impossible to get in touch with the outside world. The storm was so general that lines are down in every direction and scores of towns are absolutely isolated.

To the Citizens of Lima:

All of the city employes and police have been working heroically today to save people in the flooded districts.

When the waters recede many people will be left homeless and destitute.

Charitable organizations and all charitably inclined persons are asked to get busy promptly for relief work. Clothing, fuel and supplies will be needed.

Word comes from our neighboring county seat, Ottawa, that they will look to us for help. All traffic is shut off from their town. Many are now in the upper stories of houses and boats will be needed as soon as it is possible to open traffic.

C. N. SHOOK, Mayor.

MANY LIVES WERE LOST

WHICH COVERED THE
ENTIRE STATE OF
OHIO.

Scores of Towns Are Practically Under Water and Inhabitants

DESERT HOMES AND TAKE TO THE HILLS.

The Losses Will Amount to Many Millions of Dollars.

Owing to the flood Modern Woodmen Entertainment postponed until Friday night.

Small Streams Have Become Raging Torrents Doing Great Damage.

Columbus, O., March 25.—Practically the entire state of Ohio was cut off from communication with the outside world, property damages estimated in the millions of dollars was done, many lives were lost, and scores of towns are under water as the result of floods caused by heavy rains of the last few days. Trains in every direction were blocked by washouts.

At Delaware, Ohio, Mayor B. V. Leas and 20 citizens are reported drowned in the high water, and the population of the village running to the hills for protection from high water.

Dayton and Findlay are reported entirely under water. At Mansfield it was reported that two feet of water is running in the streets, and at Akron a report estimates the flood damage at more than \$1,000,000. Practically the entire south-

ern section of the state is flooded, and no reports can be secured from there. Telephone and telegraph companies report that many of their exchanges are under water.

In Columbus, street car service was stopped, police battled with flood conditions and attempted to warm and rescue endangered persons. Several sensational rescues were made.

In Cleveland and northeastern Ohio all streams are at flood stage, and the property damage is large. In northwestern Ohio in the vicinity of Toledo, all the small streams are raging torrents, street and interurban car service has been stopped, and many lives endangered.

Wooster, Orville, Mount Vernon and Delaware all located on high ground are reported entirely surrounded by water.

Marion county officials appealed to Governor Cox for tents and boats.

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PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 25.—Hogs receipts 2,500; higher hewies \$9.50; heavy workers \$9.70; light workers \$9.70; pigs \$9.70.

Sheep and lambs, receipts 1,500; slow; top sheep \$7.00; top lambs \$9.00.

Calves, receipts 400, steady; top \$11.00.

CLEVELAND PRODUCE.

Cleveland, O., March 25.—Potatoes: Jobbing \$5.45 bushel; store, 60¢/65¢; car lots, 50¢; new Bermuda \$7.50 barrel; Florida Triumphus \$2.85 hamper, in barrels \$5.00.

FINISHES.

Marks—"I have some money, but I don't know whether to buy a home or an automobile." Parks—"Take my advice; buy a home and mortgage it to get the machine. Then you'll have both."—Boston Transcript.

AS WAS SHOWN.

Mrs. Jimmie—"One thing I do is to teach my children etiquette." Mrs. Knox—"Yes; your Jimmy just hit my Waldo very politely with a club."

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The Situation at High Street

At High street, the bridge over the river is four feet under water, while the flooded district extends from two to two and one-half squares on each side of the river banks. Scores of houses are under water, and the occupants were compelled to flee to places of safety.

CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE SWEPT AWAY.

The Central avenue bridge gave way shortly after 11 o'clock this morning and was precipitated into the swollen stream. Fortunately the steel structure caught on a limb of a tree between Union street and Main street, and steadied itself long enough to sink.

Workmen on the Main street bridge scurried to safety as the huge bridge approached them, as the Main street bridge would probably have been swept away had the steel beams continued on their course down stream. The bridge sank in midstream just opposite the Smith & Sherrick Lumber company.

It was reported this afternoon that the Pine street bridge is in a dangerous condition, and it is feared that it will be swept away by the flood. Other bridges in the city are in danger of being swept away.

City employees have been working incessantly throughout the day at the Main street bridge with poles and pikes catching bits of wood and debris to minimize the danger of the bridge being washed away. It is thought that the Main street bridge will withstand the force of the current.

OLD PEOPLE RESCUED.

A crew of fire fighters, under Captain Higgins of the central department, rescued Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bowers, an aged couple, at 730 east Market street, about 10:30 o'clock this morning. The water had risen so rapidly at this point that no opportunity was given the aged couple to escape, and it was necessary to use a boat to get them to a place of safety. The family of Mrs. George Gibson, who live one door west from the Bowers residence, were also rescued by Captain Higgins and his crew.

At 11 o'clock, the water had reached the eastern edge of the Lima City Hospital lot, and was gradually getting higher every hour.

The same conditions prevailed at Pine street, Elm street, Central avenue, Main street, West street, Pierce street, Metcalf street and other points along the river where the flooded district extended from three to four city blocks, inundating everything within that district.

From the Main street bridge to Circular street was a vast sea of water, while at Pierce street, the Shawnee road was completely inundated as far west as the Faurot Park.

Firemen and volunteer workmen labored heroically throughout the morning rescuing families and providing aid and succor to the flood sufferers.

Fortunately, the rescue work was not attended with loss of life, and so far no fatalities have been reported.

BASIL BUCK DROWNED.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Basil Buck, an expressman, of 211 south Union street, was drowned when he attempted to drive across the West street bridge over Hog creek. The force of the current carried the light wagon completely off into the raging stream and it disappeared completely from sight. At this writing no sign of man, horse or wagon has been discovered. He approached the bridge from the south side, which was not guarded. All efforts to head him off were without avail.

But little traffic has passed over the West street bridge during the day, since the unprecedented rise of the water this morning. Buck approached from the south side, where there was no one to warn him of the danger. The guards stationed at the north side attempted to warn him, but he drove into the stream. In another instant wagon, man and horse were washed from sight and swallowed up in the mad torrent.

Buck is a well known delivery and express man living on south Union street. Every attempt was made to rescue him as the crowd along the banks passed along the cry, but no sign of the equipage made appearance, and he was given up for dead. Provision was made at once for searching for the body.

A later report says that the body has been sighted, and that parties have gone for it. The ambulance was called out, but the success of the endeavor has not been heard.

500 FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS

Storm Hit Akron Hard and Paralyzed All of Its Industries.

BIG RUBBER PLANT ALL CLOSED DOWN.

Akron Facing the Worst Crisis in All Its History.

Akron, O., March 25.—Great fear was entertained in the city this morning when a report reached here that the banks of the big reservoir, south of the city were fast giving way and that the tremendous volume of water from this reservoir was rushing on into Long Lake. Messengers were dispatched along the canal from the lakes into this city warning the people of the danger. Should the banks of the other lakes south of the city give way the city would be swept by a flood that would cause a loss of millions of dollars and possibly many lives. The canal passes through the heart of the city and such a flood would wreck many of the large manufacturing plants. The banks of the canal in many places have given way.

W. & L. E. WRECK REPORTED.

Canton, O., March 25.—A wreck is reported to have occurred on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad near Wellington. Three men are said to have been killed.

HAMILTON IS ISOLATED.

Hamilton, O., March 25.—Hamilton is practically isolated today. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton with three bridges and washouts west and north of here, the Pennsylvania with three bridges out have practically annulled all services and the Ohio Electric is giving only crippled local service. The Miami river, rising ten inches an hour threatens to go to twenty-five feet by noon, three feet higher than any previous flood in the history of the city.

DELAWARE MAYOR REPORTED DROWNED.

St. Louis, March 25.—One person was drowned and several families were driven from their homes by the rising of the river Des Peres, which flows through the western part of the city.

DELAWARE FLOODS AT ST. LOUIS.

Columbus, O., March 25.—An appeal for help was received by Mayor Karp, of Columbus from Delaware. It is reported that besides Mayor B. V. Deane, 20 citizens of Delaware were drowned. Efforts to get de-

and southern part of the city today.

COLUMBUS LEVEE BROKEN.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—With a great roar the levee at the foot of Broad street let go shortly before 11 o'clock today sending deluge of water that swelled the Scioto river covering a great area.

MAN DROWNED AT BARBERTON.

Akron, O., March 25.—The flood has struck Barberton hard. The western part of the city is under water. All of the factories have been closed on account of the flood. John Neuman, while trying to cross Wolf creek, was caught in the flood and drowned.

RESCUE CREW WRECKED.

Urbana, O., March 25.—It is reported that a Pennsylvania wrecking train on its way to West Liberty, O., to clear up the Pennsylvania passenger train wreck there early today, went through Bridge No. 41, near here. Six of the crew were rescued and thirteen are reported missing.

FLOOD KILLS WATER SUPPLY.

Youngstown, O., March 25.—The Mahoning river and Crab creek rose to an enormous height during the night and nearly all the big industries of this district are closed down. The Republic Iron and Steel Company, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company are the biggest plants to suffer and 14,000 men are thrown out of work temporarily at these plants.

But one pump is working at the water works pumping station and it will be compelled to close if the river continues to rise. The city will then be without a water supply.

The flood is the worst experienced here since October, two years ago, when millions of dollars of damage was done.

DAYTON CUT OFF FROM OUTER WORLD.

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—(By telephone from Dayton, O.)—Dayton is seeing the deep muddy waters of the Miami river rushing through her down town streets.

In front of the Algonquin hotel, standing on a corner, Third and Ludlow streets, on which stands beside the great hotel a magnificent church, the great T. M. C. A. building and the Hotel Atlas, except by boats.

The principal corner, Third and Main streets is three feet under water and the court house is like an island in a sea of mud.

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"The God-given Almighty Power is moving within me to give health, success and happiness. I shall be shown the way to help bring about all these conditions. Love, Light and Kindness will upon me. I shall be shown the way."

Shander.

"What a lot of style the Browns are putting on!" "Yes; and what a lot of creditors they are putting on!"—Tit-Bits.

Caustic.

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My Duty.

"There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good: Myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may. Robert Louis Stevenson.

Slender.

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News Items of Interest About Our Neighbors In Surrounding Towns

BEAVERDALE

J. S. Snodgrass and daughter, Elizabeth, spent Tuesday afternoon with Henry Letterbein returned.

Sunday morning from a several day's visit with friends in Lima.

Mr. Abbott was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Young went to Leipzig Wednesday afternoon for a several day's visit with friends in Lima.

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John Clark and Miss Addie Williams were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams at Lima, Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid society of their church, have again post-

ed their bazaar and sale until Friday, April 5, beginning in the evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Eritis Lewis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, went to Forest City, Saturday afternoon for a several day's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bogard.

A Strodt transacted business Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schick and Mr. Lawrence Chidister attended the funeral services of Mrs. Emily which was held in Bluffton, Friday morning.

George Rupright, of Bluffton, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellinger, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cotter, of Elyria, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strodt, Thursday.

Dr. Balmer, of Columbus Grove, visitor at the home of Gideon Augsburger, east of here, on the Mrs. C. C. Bailey, of Lima, was guest of relatives here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lewis transacted business Toledo, Saturday. Mr. Lewis entered the automobile business, having secured the agency for the Ford automobile.

Miss Elizabeth Snodgrass was the guest of friends at Bluffton, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Burns are entertaining several guests from Monday. Mrs. Burns' sister, Mrs. Marion, is among them.

Miss Lucy Everett is confined to her home on Main street, by illness. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Van Gilder and Dr. D. F. Russell were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Everett at their home west of here.

Emmanuel Beemer, of Centerville, is spending several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Beemer, who is seriously ill with paralysis.

J. W. Mangas, of Bluffton, attended the Weaver sale Saturday, as administrator of the Weaver estate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClure were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Albert Dodge, and family, at Columbus Grove, Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Bussert, of Lima, were the Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Luke were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neuman, at Lima, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clark and son, Thomas, are spending several days with relatives at St. Marys and Celina.

Miss Dossie Bowers, of Ft. Wayne, arrived Saturday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bowers.

Dr. C. E. Stadler, of West Cairo, was here on professional business, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Weaver and son, Willis, of West Minster, were the guests of Mrs. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shull, Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bowers and daughters, Misses Tessie and Dossie Bowers, of Ft. Wayne, and Glen Burnen, of Lima, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Burden, Sunday.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting, which was to have been at the home of Mrs. S. W. Fackler, Friday afternoon, has been postponed until the next meeting on Friday afternoon, April 5.

Misses Marguerite and Madeline Heller, who are attending the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heller.

Miss Abbie Sawyer went to Ada, Saturday afternoon to spend a few days with her sister, Miss Ruby, who is attending the O. N. U.

Mrs. Henry Letterbein was the guest of relatives at Lafayette, Thursday.

Misses Elizabeth and Rosetta Daner, of Lima, were the Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Daner.

Mrs. Louis Phillips and little son were the guests of friends at Lima, Wednesday.

Mrs. Pearl Lansdowne is spending the week in Lima, the guest of Mr. Irvin Sawmiller.

The last number of the lecture

course will be given on Monday evening, March 31. A comedy called "The College Girls," will be given in the Town hall. A number of players are in the company. The previous numbers of the course have been a success and the attendance large. The admission will be 25 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Hunter's drug store.

Mrs. L. H. Fowler was the guest of relatives at Lima, recently.

Mrs. Hilda Hardesty, of Lima, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardesty, Sunday.

Mabel Haas and Mildred Newman were the guests of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, Easter Sunday.

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Mrs. Pearl Lansdowne is spending the week in Lima, the guest of Mr. Irvin Sawmiller.

The last number of the lecture

has been ill. Dr. L. P. Jackson, of Delphos, was here on business, Thursday.

Thomas Phales, of Lima, took Thursday dinner with his friend, I. W. John and family.

Oscar Holzhaus has resigned his position as clerk of the village and W. A. Davis, mayor, has appointed Gino Stemen in his stead.

Mrs. Clyde Peifer was called to Delphos Thursday, to the home of her sister, Mrs. D. W. Strayer, whose condition had become decidedly worse.

Miss Grace Critts entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home last Wednesday evening. On the program for the evening were the following interesting numbers:

Ricitation—Florence Armstrong; Piano Duet—Grace Critts and Ruth Hook; Solo—Mary Holtapple; Violin and Piano Duet—Clara and Bienna Hufer.

Mrs. Critts served as refreshments, sandwiches, salad, pickles, coffee and chocolate candies. Aside from class members there were present, Misses Helen Beckman, Carol Herring, Mary Sherrick, Gladys John and Mary Holtapple. The next meeting will be held with Miss Mabel Clemons.

Mrs. M. J. Sanford, of Lima, was here on business, Saturday.

Wm. Gahman, of Craigville, Indiana, here to attend the funeral of Samuel Hunsaker. He is remaining several days to visit relatives.

Last Wednesday being Mrs. Russell Morgan's 28th birthday anniversary a crowd of her friends drove to their home in the evening and gave her surprise. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. John, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. John, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Furry, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sherrick and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest John, of Fostoria. At a late hour lunch was served and all returned home wishing Mrs. Morgan many more pleasant birthdays.

J. F. Sherrick, Pennsylvania agent, has been afflicted with rheumatism, the past week.

Rev. Bosserman, Lutheran pastor, and Messengers H. M. Sherrick and Cyrus Clutter visited Thursday with Mrs. Christine Oard and Mrs. Harvey Judkins who are both ill.

Mrs. T. O. Morgan and Miss Annie Meredith have returned from a visit in Venezuela.

Mrs. Charles Hartman and daughter, of Lima, visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Partch spent Sunday with their parents, in Lima. Miss Susie Reese and Mrs. W. J. Morgan were guests of Venedocia friends, last week.

A large crowd attended the social at the Presbyterian parsonage, last Friday evening.

Will Morris has returned from Texas, where he spent the winter.

The Junior C. E. society of the Presbyterian church, was entertained at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. Roberts, last Tuesday evening.

Rev. Nichols conducted a series of evangelistic services in the M. E. church, last week.

Rev. Benjamin James returned to his home in Hanging Rock, Ohio, Wednesday, after spending two Sundays here, preaching in the Presbyterian church.

Lambert Williams, of Detroit, was here Saturday and Sunday, calling on friends.

Miss Eve Manuel, of Ft. Wayne, spent Easter here.

Miss Edna Pugh and Harry Lombard gave an entertainment at Gilboa, Ohio, Saturday evening.

On account of unfavorable weather the Easter cantata which was to have been given at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, was postponed.

Rev. Simpson, of Columbus, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian church, next Sunday.

Miss Fred Neusbaum and two children, of Van Wert came Friday to remain over Easter with her parents, Thomas Whittington and family.

Mrs. Jacob Boggs, of Columbus Grove, spent several days of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Abe Weis, who is attending the O. N. U.

Rev. F. L. Heck was in Van Wert last Wednesday and Thursday on visit relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Enslen has improved from her illness of the past ten days.

Ernest John, of Fostoria, was here Wednesday and Thursday on visit relatives.

Mrs. Charles Herr, of Lafayette, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Clutter, to assist in caring for Mrs. Clutter, the little grand daughter, who

is ill.

"During an arduous campaign," writes H. K. G. in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "two of the members in our party suffered from the disease to bring it off the floor they could capture. The second was to be the most severe. Day after day the soldiers were exposed to the sun and heat, and the water supply became scarce.

For Flight the Consumption.

If you have indulged consumption—take a flight in an airplane. Doctor Flemming, an eminent authority on tuberculosis, having before the Berlin International association, described the benefits of high altitude upon those afflicted, and asserted that fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's rays during an entire flight at high altitude was certain death to the kind of tuberculosis.

By Franklin.

The "quack" advice of a bookmaker to a colleague in distress is related in "Twenty-Four." The colleague had been paid \$25.00 on a bet by a certain captain, who is a fit of absent-mindedness, paid him the same amount again next day. "What shall I do about it?" asked the bookmaker of his friend; and prompt came the answer: "Ask him for it again."

Learning by Love Letter.

"Love letters between young men and women are an excellent method of teaching literature," says Dr. Arthur Holmes. But it must be done tactfully. We have known a young lady who broke off an engagement because her fiance returned her love letters with the spelling errors neatly corrected in red ink.

Had kept Her Bargain.

An ingenious trick was recently played on some women of Madras, India. They handed sums of money to a woman who said that she possessed the power of doubling the contents.

The victim had their packets returned to them after seven days, when the silver coins they had contained were found to have been changed into copper ones.

Grandmothers' Beliefs.

Nearly every grandmother believes a trained nurse is overestimated.—Atchison Globe.

A Story of the Last War With England

By T. TURNER SMITH

We had good luck in meeting British aeroplanes and had missed some planes, a few of which we carried into port, and none we let go, they not being of much value. We were making a long flight west from Greenwich at 22 degrees and 40 minutes, latitude 52 degrees 26 minutes, when in the direction of the British Isles, to the westward of us, appeared an English aeroplane, a biplane, which we knew was a good biplane, while we were mostly biplanes. She made straight for us and came up with us, breaking the British flag. She was stronger too strong for us, and after a short fight we surrendered.

I was put down between decks with the others, who, being tired with several days' constant activity, were sleeping with a fight, were all very soon asleep. Somehow I couldn't sleep and sat watching our enemies, who were as fatigued as we. One by one they dropped asleep. These weren't much use in their keeping awake, for we couldn't run away, and it would have been much easier for us to attempt to capture the ship.

But when I saw the last man doing on a roll of rope with his hands across his lap I decided to take a walk. I didn't expect to get very far, but I found that all hands, having been on duty for several days without sleep, had surrendered, and I didn't see a person awake. Forward I found the bodies of several men who had been killed during the fight, left out for burial—that is, I saw the seats in which they were inclosed. The men occurred to me that if we were near enough to land to swim ashore I might escape by taking a body out of one of the seats, getting in myself and being safe overboard. I knew we were headed for the Bermudas and I might somehow get to land.

I would need a knife, but had none, and while I was making up my mind to take the risk I thought I would look around for one. A sailor who was sleeping like a log had one in his belt, and, though I risked his killing me if he awoke while relieving him of it, I took the chance and succeeded. I don't believe he would have opened his eyes if I had kicked him.

Having the knife gave me nerve, and I resolved to make a break for liberty.

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THE WEATHTR.

Columbus, O., March 25.—Forecast: Rain or snow in north, rain in south portion tonight and Wednesday. Cloudy tonight, and in south portion Wednesday.

President Wilson is having as much trouble getting some one to accept the ambassadorship to England as he would have getting some one to accept the postmastership at Lima.

A pair of young ladies of Findlay have determined to walk to Seattle, starting from home about the first of April. Things must be getting desperate in our neighboring town when the people are so anxious to get away that they agree to walk a thousand miles in order to escape.

Query: Where would this crooked collusion between the Columbus Trust Company and the treasurers of the state of Ohio have ended, had the republican machine, with its McKinnons and its Camerons in control, not been smashed by the election of Governor Harmon, which resulted in the placing of democrats in official position to probe the transactions of the officers who were juggling the finances of the state of Ohio?

A crystal of boyl, a semi-precious stone related to the emerald, nearly a yard long and weighing 220 pounds, recently was found in Madagascar, and presented to the French Academy of Sciences—State Journal.

How would it do for the United States government to buy this babbie and present it as a scarf-pin to the man who will accept the position of ambassador to England or France. It seems quite difficult to get anyone to take the position for the salary and love of country.

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Both houses of the general assembly have passed the Lowry state-wide primary bill and it will be signed by Governor Cox at an early date. In thus acting, the Ohio lawmakers placed their stamp of approval on a bill that is in the platform of every progressive, irrespective of party, in the country. The direct nomination of candidates for public offices is one of the cardinal policies in the platforms of William Jennings Bryan, President Woodrow Wilson, Governor Cox, United State Senator La Follette and other eminent leaders in the progressive movement.

In a recent speech in Iowa, Mr. Bryan, in speaking of the advance of progressiveness in the country, declared that it was impossible to cross the country from Maine to California without crossing a state where men of that character are not on guard. Ohio was one of the states referred to as having a progressive governor and progressive administration. The members of the general assembly clinched the statement of the great commoner when they passed the Lowry primary bill.

Under this bill, the people truly have had restored to them the power to name their candidates for public offices, which power was so long exercised by political manipulators and wire pullers. The day of the convention in Ohio with the states and combinations to serve selfish purposes is ended, and in its place is the primary, where in the solitude of the booth each elector may have an equal chance to select his public officials.

The Lowry bill provides that all state, county, municipal and school district officers shall be nominated by primary. The candidate for United States senator is so selected, as are the presidential electors, and candidates for delegates to national political conventions. A presidential preference vote also is provided. In no other state of the Union have the people broader powers in selecting their public officers than Ohioans will have under this bill.

THE COUNTRY WISER.

The utter disregard of business for politics during the national campaign last year was a matter of surprised comment at the time. Business went ahead without the sluggishness common in presidential years. The election was held and the democrats won on a platform promising tariff reduction. Still there was no disturbance in business.

Mr. Bryan, with whom it had been customary for a long time to frighten the voters, was appointed secretary of state and is now performing the duties of that office. Congress is about to meet for the avowed purpose of reducing the tariff rates, and a committee of the house has prepared a bill making large reductions in a number of the schedules. There is a certainty that the bill, in the main as prepared, will pass, for both house and senate are in the bands of the democrats, and that it will be signed by the president and will become a law. Still there is no disturbance in business.

As one observer put it, "business is active everywhere, the protected interests are turning out more product than ever before; there is no rush to get rid of goods on which tariffs will be reduced or to sell the securities of corporations engaged in protected industries, except perhaps, the beet sugar companies."

What is the reason for this indifference of business to politics? There is no answer except that business has grown wiser. It knows now that many of the dangers that were exploited by politicians were mere scarecrows, used by the protected interests to extend their period for heavy eating at the expense of others. There is no intention now to establish free trade. Besides, the home market has so greatly increased that a lowering of duties such as is supposed to be contemplated will have little effect.

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It is said that the storm of ridicule and censure that has been heaped upon the Ohio legislature because of its bill proposing to regulate the dress of women will result in the defeat of that measure. This is to be regretted. The bill should have passed and have become a law.

Many cities have already realized the necessity of trying to save the babies by instructing the mothers on the necessity of seeing that children are fed properly. This is, in spirit, the doctrine of Professor Rubner—the younger generation must be properly nourished if the human race is to be saved from degeneration.

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FOR FARMERS' ATTENTION.

Columbus, March 25.—In the state's mania to secure good roads, suggests Prof. H. C. Ramsower, of the college of agriculture, Ohio State university, the question of good earth roads is likely to be overlooked, and the roads that we all have to use allowed to go into a bad state of repair.

"Earth roads are very desirable in some sections of the state, and farmers should insist on their improvement and construction in a proper manner. A good road can be made out of almost any material, provided a good roof and a good cellar are secured. These are the result of proper grading, and if necessary, drainage should be supplied."

"The timely use of King road drag on any road having a good crown," argues Prof. Ramsower, "will bring results that will be surprising. If a surface made of earth is kept sufficiently smooth, and given a little grade, water falling on the surface will immediately run off. The King drag will accommodate these demands."

"Don't be discouraged, however, if the use of the drag does not bring immediate results. Work should be begun early in the spring, and one round with the drag should be sufficient, but runs will be encountered and may not fill up for several trips."

It is usually best, through the summer, to drag a few hours after a rain. The dragging is more effective when the ground is moist, as stirring when the surface is still wet has a tendency to break the surface and the soil particles are so merged as to form an excellent covering, explains the expert.

Prof. Ramsower also emphasized the importance of not letting grass grow between the road and the side ditches. This has the tendency to catch sand and trash and soon the water is retained in the middle of the road instead of running off into the side ditches. The matter of grade is one that should not be overlooked. It is of great importance whether your farm animals be forced to make their hauls over an easy grade or a heavy one, and no farmer has a right to sacrifice his animals when a little more effort in the preparation of the road would keep the grade more even over the entire road.

"Once a road is put into good repair, a little care and attention will keep it so," he adds. "Most of the damage experienced by earth roads is the result of weathering in the winter and spring, followed by the use of wagons and machines having tires too narrow, which results in the detrimental rutting of the road's surface."

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P Amaury Talbot Makes Report—Had Previously Found Strange "Lake of the Dead"—Natives Look Upon the Sheets of Water as Sacred Objects. Have Countless Legends.

P Amaury Talbot, a district commissioner in southern Nigeria, has made another remarkable discovery.

Three months ago, when he returned to England on a visit, he told how he found the Lake of the Dead in the Oban country. He now tells how he and his wife explored the Sacred Lake of Life.

When Mr. Talbot returned to Nigeria he found that the news of the discovery of the Lake of the Dead had brought to light the fact that another sheet of water to which mysterious powers were ascribed existed in the neighborhood of Ikot-Oto, the chief town of the Ibibio, and one afternoon Mr. Talbot and Mr. Eakin, accompanied by Mrs. Talbot and her sister, set out to locate it.

Up to the knowledge of the lake had been kept a jealously guarded secret from all Europeans, and not even the natives, with the exception of the high priests, had been allowed to approach the sacred water, the dwelling place of the greatest deity of the race.

Access to the lake was through a sacred grove so cunningly contrived that a stranger might pass within a few yards of yet never find the holy pool.

Mr. Talbot and his party, guided to the spot, found that the water was full of great fish, on the welfare of which depended the life of the Ibibio race.

Its Fish Are Tame.

The fish were so tame that they fed from the hand of the reigning high priest, the only native human being allowed to look on the water. Formerly many victims were annually sacrificed here, though at the present day human life is not permitted to be taken.

Countless legends had grown up round the spot. It was said to have been placed by its first guardian, the thunder god, under the care of a python and a leopard, which ceaselessly keep watch and ward and destroy any one rash enough to seek to penetrate its mysteries. It is especially sacred as the dwelling place of the most powerful deity—the Great Mother Iṣa-Ma (the Face of Love)—whose symbol is a holy rock facing the entrance.

Near by the travelers found a second pool, ancillary to the lake itself. In the center of this is a palm tree, near which, in the water, are stationed a man, a girl and a boy who bear the name of the goddess, as they were granted to the parents in direct answer to prayer. Mr. Talbot will send home a complete account of the discovery at an early date.

It's All Bosh for You to say you don't know from whom those flowers came. Doubtless the fellow sends them so often that it's not necessary for him to put in a card if you're enraged you might as well say so."

Mr. Merriman was a gentleman, and nothing but downright jealousy could have forced him into any such rudeness. Louise saw her advantage and made the most of it. With quiet dignity she asked by what right he made such demands upon her. "The game was won. Merriman left the house joyful that, after all, her folly had not cost him the girl he loved.

The next day Louise went to the florist and asked who sent her the flowers.

"They are charged to Mrs. Travers," was the reply.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

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PUBLIC FORUM

THE AMERICAN SALVATION ARMY.

In reply to article in the Gazette on Thursday, March 20th, will say that we did not give away candy eggs to the children as they were the product of the hen. Furthermore we did not beg the money to buy candy eggs as our so-called friends said we did. Now as a warning to my friends will say that my so-called friends will be going around before long begging money for their self denial and every cent that you give them will be sent out of town 90 per cent goes to London, England, and 10 per cent remains in New York City.

Adj't. K. J. SNYDER,
Officer in Charge.

Gwendoline Travers, who was ready to be wed and was for a wife, met George Merriman, who straightforwardly caught her fancy. Mr. Merriman was attentive to her for a time, then called off to sip honey from another flower. One day Miss Travers said:

"Gwen, what has become of George Merriman?"

"Gone over to the enemy."

"Louise Childs. She has been writing for him while he has been paying attention to me and finally hooked him."

"And what have you been doing meanwhile?"

"Nothing. If he prefers Louise I don't see how I can help it."

"And so you are content to have a designing girl take your lover away from you?"

"I am above design in such matters."

"Yes, you are made of too good stuff to take an unfair advantage of a rival, but you can at least act as though you still considered George a friend, or I can do it for you. I'm going to invite him to dinner."

"Oh, mamma, don't!"

There was no reply to this. Mrs. Travers went to her writing desk, wrote the invitation and sent it to Mr. Merriman. It was accepted and on the appointed evening the gentleman appeared duly clad in his "glad rags" and a rose in his buttonhole. He looked rather proud of himself, for he could not but regard the invitation an effort to draw him back to his first allegiance and it flattered him.

Louise received him as graciously as if he had not suddenly dropped from being attentive to her and begun to bane another girl. As she was too proud to go after him, she was too proud to let him see that his change hurt her. She did her best to act naturally and friendly and succeeded. Those were all the conditions required.

There was no other guest present,

except Mr. Merriman, and the dinner went off much more pleasantly than might have been expected.

The truth is that young men are usually drifters. To a girl the matter of her settlement with the man she is to marry is an important epoch in her life. The man usually doesn't count on settling.

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Many men don't wish to settle, and some would run away from a settlement. George Merriman enjoyed the preliminaries of matrimony, but had no use for the article itself.

All was going pleasantly at the dinner when there came a ring, and a servant brought in a box addressed in a man's hand to Louise Merryweather bearing the trade name of a well known florist. Opening it, there lay a supply of cut flowers.

"Why, there's no card with it!" exclaimed Louise.

Mrs. Travers paid no more attention to the matter than if her daughter received flowers every day. The good lady was giving a servant orders concerning the dessert which was about to be brought in.

"Mamma," said Louise, enlivened with pleasure and curiosity, "some one has sent me a box of flowers anonymously."

"Well, my

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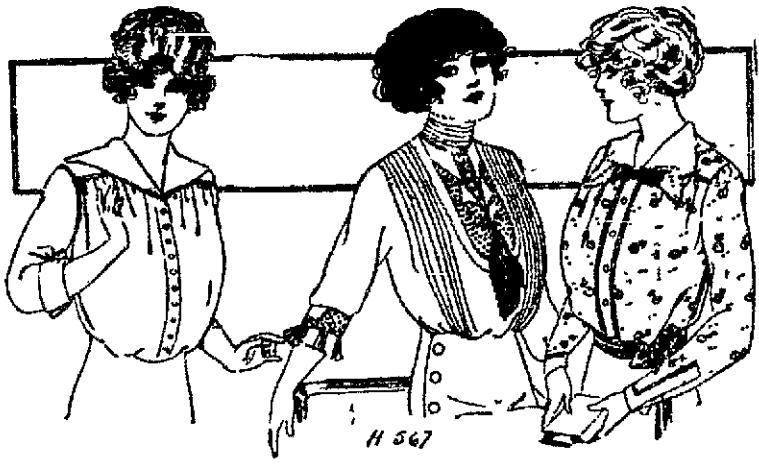
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Heavy.

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Women Worked Through-
out Night Seeking Miss-
ing Loved Ones.

Streets Patrolled by Police
to Prevent Looting
of Property.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.—Suffering from the cold and the awe-inspired by the nature of their work, scores of men, women and children this morning struggled in the snow to rescue the dead or injured bodies of relatives and friends who lay buried beneath the wreckage of homes and buildings which were crumbled like eggshells by the tornado which Sunday swept with death-dealing force over Nebraska and Iowa, killing more than 150 persons in Omaha alone. The snow storm which seriously is hampering the work of rescue, began shortly after midnight this morning and is continuing with gathering force. More than three inches of snow covers the debris in the section of the city which was struck by the cyclone. Privations of the storm sufferers are being greatly increased by the heavy snow which is following so closely in the wake of the tornado. Women tugging at heavy beams hoping against hope to find the living bodies of dear ones beneath the tons of wreckage, men gruffly cheering their sorrowful mates, children wrapped about with shawls and blankets were the scenes which the sun-rise this morning greeted the federal soldiers as they patrolled the afflicted districts aiding in the rescue work and protecting the destroyed and unoccupied homes from conscienceless looters.

The latest reports this morning give the number of injured at 320, while the death list has not increased over the night report of 202.

Later city officials gathered within the lines thrown about the district by soldiers and distributed clothing and other necessities among the sufferers. More than \$50,000 already has been subscribed for their relief, \$25,000 by the city commissioners and equal amounts by citizens who attended yesterday's meeting of commissioners and other individuals.

The injured at hospitals are receiving the best possible attention. Physicians of Omaha and Council Bluffs have volunteered their services and trained nurses have willingly followed the example of the physicians. Those patients who have shown improvement today will be moved from the temporary hospitals to places which have been provided for them by the city officials.

Most of them are homeless. Many of the patients whose conditions are considered more or less critical have not been told of the complete loss which the tornado made of their property.

The snow which according to reports is falling with blizzard-like proportions from Colorado to Central Iowa, has seriously interfered with what slender thread of telegraphic communication which yesterday afternoon was established from Omaha to the outer world. Practically no information has been obtained from the devastated sections of Nebraska and Iowa. The fact that such intense suffering is being caused here by the present storm in spite of the heroic efforts being made by the city to provide for and protect all who have been made dependent on it caused Governor

Carter & Carroll

THE HOUSE OF FASHION

All This Week in Our Women's Wearing Apparel
Section a Sale of 50 Women's Suits and a
Sale of Women's Spring Coats

TAILORED SUITS FOR \$14.75.

A stunning variety of new models copied from styles two and three times our price.

Special This Week—\$14.95.

TAILORED SUITS FOR \$19.95.

Perfectly made, high class in every detail Women's Suits, worth your careful inspection.

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EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIVE VALUES IN WOMEN'S MORE EXPENSIVE SUITS. ALL THIS WEEK AT

\$22.50 \$25.00 \$27.50 \$29.75

THE HIGHER PRICE WOMEN'S COATS ON SALE THIS WEEK AT ATTRACTIVE VALUES AT

\$19.75 \$22.50 \$25.00 \$27.50

Women's Beautiful Dresses

Unmatchable values in Women's, Misses' and Juniors' new Spring Dresses all this week.

\$10.00 \$15.00 \$17.50 \$19.75

Children's New Spring Coats

To interest you in our pretty line of Children's new Spring Coats we offer exceptional values this week at

\$2.49 \$3.50 \$4.50 \$5.00

CARTER & CARROLL

House Cleaning Day

Your housecleaning day will be made easier if you come in here and let us guide you in the choice of some time and trouble savers. We carry everything the most careful housewife is likely to need to clean house with. Call in and look around anyway.

Here are a few specialties:
Dull Kote for Your Walls
Calcimino Water Colors
Wall Paper Cleaner

Vacuum Cleaners
or
Most Anything You Want

Evans & Thomas Hardware

306 North Main Street Opposite Court House

We Haven't Time to Tear It Down

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nor Morehead to fear that the conditions within the state are in deplorable shape. He stated that he would hasten before the state legislature to secure sufficient funds for the immediate care of storm victims.

BACK: Gold Medal Flour for me.

Buehler Bros. CUT RATE MARKET

20 PUBLIC SQUARE
RAIN—It Rained Our
Prices to Pieces
Specials 'Till Noon

Fresh Country Eggs 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ Dozen
(2 Dozen Limit)

Fresh Pork Chops 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢
(3 lb. Limit)

Fresh Smoked Picnic Hams 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢

All Day Specials

Loin Pork Roast, other stores 20c—only 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢

Boiling Beef, other stores 11c—only 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

Regular Hams, other stores 20c—only 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢

Smoked California Hams, other stores 20c 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

Sirloin Steak 14¢

10 lb. Pail Lard \$1.20

Good Butterine 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢

Fine Mackerel, each 9¢

Brick Cheese 19¢

Bring Your Boat and We Will Fill It.

31 MARKETS IN 10 STATES

Office: Chicago-Cleveland

Packing House

Peoria, Illinois

ANNIVERSARY SALE

Silver Jubilee Week--At Bluem's

This Week We Celebrate Our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, Twenty-five Years of Continuous Business in Lima, Twenty-five Years of Unmeasured Success, Twenty-five Years of Service to the People of Lima and Vicinity.

Again—as in March 1888—we most cordially invite you to visit our establishment, and with us enjoy the display of Spring and Summer merchandise, and the unusual values offered for the week of March 24th to 29th.

Our store has grown from a small establishment begun in a modest way to one now covering 58,300 sq. ft. of floor space, devoted entirely to sales departments, offices and stock rooms. One-fourth of this space being given to our Suit and Cloak Department alone. And from a sales force of five employees to a pay roll of one hundred.

We have endeavored to make our store the most complete shopping place for our customers—considering your needs, your comforts, and your wants in every way.

Whatever of success has come to us we owe it to you—our patrons—for your kindly feeling and good will in supporting our venture of 25 years ago. All that we now have to offer has been made possible by your faith in us as a citizen and dry goods merchant. Our store service for the future shall be the best we can make it. Competent sales-people, modern shopping conveniences, prompt attention and efficient service in every way.

Again we invite you to honor us with your presence the coming week—and all times.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Lima and Vicinity

The opening of my store will be at 6 P. M., Saturday, March 31st, Dague Block, 57 Public Square, Lima, O.

No goods offered for sale on that day, but I extend a most cordial invitation in behalf of myself and able corps of assistants, that you visit our store for inspection of the goods to be offered for sale at a future date.

G. E. BLUEM, Prop.

(E. A. EISELE
MISS MINNIE HUSS

Clerks F. A. SCHWAB
EVA MARTIN
MAGGIE PLOUGHMAN

Remember opening hours begin at 6 o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 31st.

(The above display "ad," two columns wide, 10 in. deep, appeared in the Republican Gazette, issued March 30, 1888. This was the first advertisement of the Bluem Store, which opened for business on April 2, 1888).

REAL
BARGAINS

Anniversary Sale Prices in the Suit Department

Any \$27.50 Coat or Suit in the Stock for \$25.00

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\$6.00 to \$8.00 Dresses at \$4.25

For Anniversary Week we offer just 30 Women's Dresses of fine all wool serges, fancy checks and fancy mixtures. Colors—blues, black, grays, black-and-white and mixed shades. All very neat pretty styles. regular \$6 to \$8 values, choice of the lot \$4.25

\$1.50 Dresses at \$1.25

About 5 dozen Children's regular \$1.50 Dresses of fine ginghams and percales, 2 to 14 yr. sizes, all good fitting garments, and neat styles, for Anniversary Week Only \$1.25

\$5.00 White Charmeuse Waists \$3.25

3 dozen Women's White Charmeuse and Messaline Waists, all new styles, with pipings, of black, navy and white, new Robespierre collars, long sleeves, regular \$5.00 waists, just the thing for wearing with your Spring Suit, go this week at \$3.25

\$1.50 to \$2.98 Waists at \$1.25

5 dozen Women's Tailored and Lingerie Waists, regular \$1.50 to \$2.98 values, all new styles, but soiled from early Spring showing, all sizes, for Anniversary Sale Week \$1.25

Silks at Anniversary Sale Prices

Regular \$1.50 Values This Week—\$1.25 yd.

One lot of Satin Riveria, one of our popular dress fabrics for Spring, in plain colors and changeable effects 40 in. wide, in white, black, rose, light blue, pink, nile and Copenhagen, regular \$1.50 goods, extra good quality for Anniversary Sale Week \$1.25 yd.

Regular \$1.50 Chiffon Taffeta in plain colors and changeable effects, soft supple finish, 36 in. wide, in white, black, blues, pink, rose, greens, delft, navy, brown, tan, garnet, red, etc., for Anniversary Sale Week \$1.25 yd.

Special Values in Rugs and Curtains

At Anniversary Sale Prices

Any \$27.50 Axminster Rug in the house, all new stock, beautiful patterns, size 9x12 ft., for Anniversary Sale Week, choice for \$25.00.

Regular \$15.00 Tapestry Rugs, all new goods, new patterns, size 9x12 ft., 25 different patterns from which to choose, Anniversary Sale Week, \$13.25 each.

Regular \$9.00 and \$9.50 Wool Fiber Rugs, figured patterns with border, in browns, blues, greens and tans, new designs, for Anniversary Sale Week, \$8.25 each.

15 Pieces of Curtain Nets, in white and ecru, all new stock, neat, pretty patterns, for Anniversary Sale Week, 25c yard.

WASH FABRICS AT SILVER JUBILEE PRICES.

29c to 39c Wash Silks, all the new Spring shades, plain and jacquard weaves, Anniversary Sale Price, 25c yard.

39c Silk Stripe Voiles, a big range of styles and colors, 7 yards to the pattern, Anniversary Sale Price, \$2.25 pattern.

29c to 50c Zephyrs and Madras, over 100 different styles and colors, for dresses, waists, men's shirts, etc., Anniversary Sale Price, 25c yard.

7 yards of 25c Tissue or Flaxon, in plaids, checks & stripes, what you will pay \$1.75 for after this week, Anniversary Sale Price, \$1.25 the pattern.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

Women's Black Silk Lisle Hose, garter top, high spliced heel, double sole and toe, 25c each or 6 pairs for \$1.25.

Men's Silk Plated Hose, lisle top, heel and toe, in black, tan and navy, 25c or 6 pairs for \$1.25.

Women's Fancy Vests, mercerized lisle, \$1.50 values, for \$1.25.

Women's Vests, low neck, sleeveless, 25c or 6 for \$1.25.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, extra quality, 25c or 6 for \$1.25.

RIBBONS AT ANNIVERSARY PRICES.

Moiré and Taffeta Ribbon, 4½ in. wide, all pure silk, white and colors, 1 2-3 yd. for 25c.

Messaline Ribbon, 5½ in. wide, all the new shades, 1¼ yards for 25c.

5½ in. Moire and T. feta Ribbons, white, black and colors, 1¼ yards for 25c.

3 in. Taffeta Ribbon, all silk, all shades, extra quality, 2½ yards for 25c.

WOMEN'S NIGHT ROBES.

Women's Nainsook Gowns, fine quality, slipover styles, lace and embroidery trimmed, \$3.25 and \$3.50 values, Anniversary Sale Price, \$2.25 each.

Women's Nainsook Gowns, same styles as above, extra good \$2.00 values, Anniversary Sale Price, \$1.25.

Embroidery Bust Ruffles, a very special value at 25c each.

Special Notice

In one of our Main Street windows can be seen one of the first pieces of goods sold from the Bluem store. A fine Linen Table Cloth sold by Mr. Bluem, himself, to Mrs. Wm. Watt, of Lima, O., on Monday morning, April 2, 1888. This piece of linen has been in use 25 years and is evidence of the quality of goods sold then—as always.

\$1.50 Kid Gloves, \$1.25 Pair

Women's \$1.50 Kid Gloves, 2-clasp, black, white and coolers, Anniversary Week only, \$1.25 pair.

Women's \$1.50 Silk Gloves, 16 button length, double finger tipped, black, white and colors, Anniversary Sale Price, \$1.25.

Men's \$1.50 Kid Gloves, black and tans, \$1.25 pair.

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SCIOTO RIVER AT HIGH MARK

State Capital Faces Most Serious Flood in Years.

MANY FAMILIES ARE DRIVEN FROM HOMES

Baths From Pleasure Parks Are Used for Rescue Work.

Columbus, O., March 25.—Columbus this morning faces a serious flood. Swollen by heavy rains of the last several days, the Scioto river is at a record high water stage of 21.7 feet. Many families have been driven from their homes, and the entire police force was called out at an early hour to assist in the rescue work.

Levees protecting the lowlands of West Columbus are said to be endangered, and the police busted themselves warning residents and assisting menaced people to places of safety.

Train service in and out of Columbus is practically cut off because of small streams which have become raging torrents.

The police removed a large number of boats from a pleasure park.

and are using them in the rescue work. Edward Haun, a paralytic, and his wife were rescued from their home by the police, who had to wade into the submerged house in water to their shoulders. Mrs. Francisco Gentile, and her five little children were rescued at 4 o'clock. Water was standing waist-deep in their home.

The Cause of Rheumatism.
Stomach trouble, lazy liver and deranged kidneys are the cause of rheumatism. Get your stomach, liver kidneys and bowels in healthy condition by taking Electric Bitters, and you will not be troubled with the pains of rheumatism. Charles B. Allen, a school principal, of Sylvania, Ga., who suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys, writes: "All remedies failed until I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Maybe your rheumatic pains come from stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Electric Bitters will give you prompt relief. 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by H. F. Vortkamp.

AID SOCIETY MEETING.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Spiritualist church will meet with Mrs. Frances Campbell, 907 Erie avenue, Thursday afternoon.

Best Known Cough Remedy.
For forty-three years Dr. King's New Discovery has been known throughout the world as the most reliable cough remedy. Over three million bottles were used last year. Isn't this proof? It will get rid of your cough, or we will refund your money. J. J. Owens, of Allendale, N. J., writes the way hundreds of others have done: "After twenty years, I find that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds and all throat and lung troubles. It has no equal. 50c and \$1.00 at H. F. Vortkamp's."

ENGINE WENT INTO RIVER

Carrying With It One of the Pullman Sleeping Cars.

SIX COACHES WERE LEFT ON THE TRACK

Bridge Washed Away Just Before the Train Reached It.



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1913

Silver Jubilee Week

Twenty-five Years of Continuous Business

Twenty-five Years of Service to People of Lima and Vicinity

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A Week of Special Anniversary Sale Values

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Table Linens and White Goods—Anniversary Prices

During this Anniversary Sale Week our linen buyer who has been with us 21 years, and who has had charge of this department for 15 years, will offer some very special values. It will be to your interest to visit this department during the week.

Regular \$1.40 Table Damask, 72 in. wide, extra good quality, various patterns, bleached or cream, Anniversary Sale Price, yard, \$1.25.

Regular \$1.50 Bedspreads, cut corners, fringed or scalloped edges, a good weight, Anniversary Sale Price, \$1.25.

35c Initial Bath Towels, ten different letters, extra good quality, Anniversary Sale Price, 25c each.

40c Striped Voiles, new goods, 25c yard.

20c Nainsook, 12 yards to the bolt, for Anniversary Week, \$2.25 bolt.

35c Fancy Linaire, a sheer white fabric for dresses, etc., at 25c yard.

40c White Goods, fancy checks, mostly, 25c yd.

15c Long Cloth, 10 yards to the bolt, for Anniversary Week, \$1.25 bolt.

\$1.50 White Eponge for dresses and suits, 46 in. wide, Anniversary Sale Price, \$1.25 yard.

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25 pieces of Novelty Suitings, two-tone diagonals, whipcords, plain serges, batistes, challis, etc., in cream, black and all the new shades, at 38c and 50c yard.

Regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 Novelty Suitings in stripes, checks and two-tone effects, for this week, \$1.25 yard.

Regular \$1.25 Wool Fabrics, 54 in. wide, for this week, \$1.00 yard.

Regular \$1.25 Poplins, silk and wool weave, for this week, \$1.00 yard.

Regular \$1.00 Silk-and-Wool Poplins, all shades and black, this week, 75c yard.

\$1.00 Serges, Whipcords and Diagonals, all wool, this week, 75c yard.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Black-and-White Weaves, 56 in. wide, this week, 75c yard.

\$2.50 Umbrellas at \$2.25

Men's and women's regular \$2.50 Umbrellas, good covers, natural wood, ebony finish, plain mission, carved mission and trimmed mission sticks, this week only, \$2.25 each.

Regular 40c Chocolate Candies, for this week, special Anniversary Sale Price, 25c lb.

Scars, Runners and Pillow Tops at 25c Each

One lo tSwiss Scarfs and Squares, in blue and pink, for this week, 25c each.

Stamped Pillow Tops, worth up to 50c each, cross stitch and arts-and-crafts designs, on linen crash, for this week, 25c each.

Stamped Huck Towels, 18x33 in. size, different designs, 25c each.

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